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5 December 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR : Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Development

SUBJECT : Acquisition of C-54

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1. An additional sensitive cargo requirement which precludes the use of the C-47 was presented to Maj. Gen. M. A. Preston, (USAF Director of Operations) a few weeks ago by [REDACTED]. After reviewing the justification presented, General Preston agreed to Air Force support of a project controlled C-54 at Bolling AFB. He was advised that the undersigned would maintain operational control of this aircraft.

2. CHALICE utilization of the C-47 currently assigned averages 90 hours per month, and will continue to be used primarily in support of CHALICE. The project has an extensive backlog of cargo requiring movement to the West Coast. Additionally the Air Division of CIA has requirements from time to time which cannot be fulfilled with the CHALICE C-47.

3. Operational control of an Air Division C-54 as an additional capability has been the subject of discussion between CHALICE Staff and the Air Division. On 5 December the following arrangement was agreed to between [REDACTED] and the undersigned:

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a. The Operations Staff of CHALICE will be responsible for scheduling and controlling the aircraft to fulfill all Agency requirements.

b. Normally the first priority for use of the C-54 will be to fulfill the special purpose requirement outlined to Maj. Gen. Preston. In the event of conflict created by equally high priority CIA airlift requirements, a decision will be made by appropriate CIA authority. This contingency is expected to be so infrequent that such conflicts will not present a major problem.

c. The CHALICE Staff will complete arrangements for the support of the aircraft (this has been accomplished). In scheduling

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of the aircraft, CHALIC Staff will give consideration to other Agency requirements and will attempt to provide for such requirements to whatever degree possible after CHALIC requirements have been fulfilled.

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[REDACTED]
Deputy Director, DPS/DCI

CONCERNING:

C. P. [REDACTED]
Chief, Air Division
Operational Services

* For Clarification:

Aircraft will be Agency-owned sterile C-54 No. 43-72542. This aircraft should not be picked up on USAF Form 110. For planning purposes it is anticipated that this aircraft will eventually be assigned to a proposed Agency domestic air support unit which is presently under consideration.

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